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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

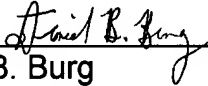
Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit references A15-A16 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith, both the original Japanese-language references in full and English-language translations of the abstracts.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest the references as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally

determined to be prior art, anticipate Applicants' invention or that the references make Applicants' invention obvious.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of the documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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